

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

A digital photographic competition will take place annually. Entries by email are to be received by **1st September 2026**, so that judging can be completed in time for the AGM and Autumn Festival on 31st October 2026.

Members are invited to submit photographs in the following categories:

Class 1 A portrait of a rock plant (see rule 2), either in cultivation or the wild.
The whole plant should be featured.

Class 2 An image of a rock plant (see rule 2) in the landscape or habitat. The plant or plants should be the main subject of the image.

Conditions of entry

- a. Up to three entries in each class are permitted.
- b. Image files should be submitted in jpeg format. If you are familiar with how to reduce the size of an image then a resolution of 72 PPI or 1500 pixel width with a file size no greater than 1.5 Mb would be appreciated. If not then please submit the original file.
- c. Images must have been taken by the exhibitor, but not necessarily in the current year.
- d. Images must not have been entered previously in the competition or have been published previously in '*The Rock Garden*'.
- e. The use of generative AI to produce entries is prohibited.
- f. Digital processing of the image beyond the basics involved to improve colour balance and framing is not allowed.
- g. Entries should be accompanied by the photographer's name, the class entered and the name of the subject (plant, place, date etc.)
- h. First prizes will count towards an Art merit medal, as previously (see page 9).
- i. Competitors agree that the Club may display selected images on the website, as prints at the AGM & Autumn Festival or in '*The Rock Garden*'. Printing of images for display at the AGM will be carried out by the Club.

Entries should be sent by email to Liz Cole: liz_ukorchid@hotmail.com

The Reivers Trophy will be awarded at the AGM for the image judged to be the overall winner.

The results of the competition will be recorded in the next *Dryas* newsletter.